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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY INSTITUTE

1. DR. HIDETSUGU ISHIKURA, WHO HAS SERVED AS CHARIMAN OF JAPAN MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (JAMSTEC) FOR SIX YEARS (SINCE ITS INCEPTION), IS BEING REPLACED BY SHOGO KURACHI, FORMERLY (1975-77) ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY.

2. DR. ISHIKURA HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT HIS NEW JOB WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY INSTITUTE. THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION IN ENGLISH (USED FOR OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION ABROAD) IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT IN MEANING FROM ITS JAPANESE TITLE, ZANRYU NOYAKU KENYUJO, OR LITERALLY TRANSLATED, RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON RESIDUAL PESTICIDES. DR. ISHIKURA EXPLAINED THAT THE JAPANESE NAME ONLY PARTIALLY EXPLAINS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INSTITUTE. THE ENDOWMENT OF THIS JURIDICAL ENTITY SPECIFIES THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE AS CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON THE
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PESTICIDES AND OTHER TOXICANTS.

3. AT PRESENT, THE INSTITUTE IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EVALUATION OF PESTICIDES FOR SAFETY AND THE IMPACT OF WATER POLLUTANTS ON MARINE ORGANISMS. LIKE OTHER JURIDICAL ENTITIES, INSTITUTE RECEIVES CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S SUBSIDY TO COVER ONE HALF OF ITS EXPENDITURE.

THE REMAINDER BEING COVERED BY DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE
INDUSTRY. (FOR JAPANESE FISCAL YEAR 1978, YEN
500 MILLION HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED FOR INSTITUTE'S
ACTIVITIES). INSTITUTE, LOCATED IN KODAIRA CITY ON THE
OUTSKIRTS OF TOKYO, IS NOW STAFFED BY 80 PEOPLE. IT
WAS ESTABLISHED SEVEN YEARS AGO, ABOUT THE SAME TIME
AS JAMSTEC WAS FOUNDED. DR. ISHIKURA IS EVIDENTLY BEST
CHOICE FOR THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE INSTITUTE BECAUSE
HE STARTED HIS OFFICIAL CAREER AS AN OFFICIAL OF THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND HAS MAINTAINED
HIS INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, INCLUDING
PESTICIDES.
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